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SUBJECT: SHAMAL XXII EXERCISE: COMMENTS

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL EMBASSY SUBMITTING FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON PART ONE OF EXERCISE SHAMAL XXII WHICH SIMULATED THE SEA EVACUATION OF U.S. NATIONALS IN KENYA. IN ABSENCE ON ANNUAL LEAVE OF DESIGNATED PLO, ROLE OF PLO MOMBASA WAS PLAYED FROM NAIROBI BY EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER.

2. IN OUR VIEW EXERCISE PROVIDED EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR EMBASSY TO REVIEW E & E PLAN, MOMBASA PORT PLAN AND COMIDEASTFOR OPLAN AND TO ASSESS AND RECONSIDER THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR AN EVACUATION OF LARGE AND GROWING NUMBER OF KENYAN-BASED AMERICANS (CURRENTLY ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 5,000).

3. GIVEN THE AVAILABILITY OF INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELDS AT NAIROBI AND KILIMANJARO, THE CONCENTRATION OF MAJORITY OF U.S. CITIZENS EITHER IN NAIROBI OR FURTHER UP-COUNTRY (AT LEAST 300 MILES FROM MOMBASA) AND THE PROBABLE DISRUPTION OF ROAD TRAVEL TO THE COAST
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IN AN EMERGENCY NECESSITATING EVACUATION, A MASSIVE SEA

EVAVUATION FOR MOST AMERICANS IN KENYA WOULD APPEAR
LESS PRACTICABLE THAN AIREVAC UNDER FORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES.
NONETHELESS THERE ARE A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF U.S.
CITIZENS (300) RESIDENT IN OR NEAR MOMBASA FOR WHOM
SEA EVACUATION COULD BE THE BEST, PERHAPS THE ONLY,
EXIT ROUTE.

4. EMBASSY APPRECIATES OPPORTUNITY TM HAVE PARTICIPATED
IN THIS USEFUL EXERCISE.
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